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SUBJ: EC SUBSIDIES FOR THE USE OF PEAS AND FIELD BEANS IN
ANIMAL FEED

REF: (A) 77 BRUSSELS 18327; (B) EC A-10; (C) 72 EC A-45

1. THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF SUBSIDIES FOR THE FEED USE OF PEAS AND FIELD BEANS - PART OF THE PRICE PACKAGE FOR 1978/79 - WAS REPORTED IN THE REFTEL. THE DRAFT REGULATION WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH THIS SYSTEM (REF. B) PROVIDES FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPOSING A SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT ON IMPORTS OF PEAS AND FIELD BEANS. ARTICLE 2, PARA 4 OF THIS DRAFT REGULATION STATES THAT "THE COUNCIL, ACTING BY QUALIFIED MAJORITY ON A PROPOSAL FROM THE COMMISSION, SHALL ADOPT ... (B) DETAILED RULES FOR THE CHECKING OF THE ENTITLE-
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MENT TO AID; SUCH CHECKING MAY COVER NOT ONLY PEAS AND FIELD BEANS HARVESTED IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO IMPORTS FROM NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES. IN CONNECTION WITH THE LATTER, A SECURITY MAY BE REQUIRED."

2. AN OFFICIAL IN THE COMMISSION'S OILSEED SECTION SAID THAT IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT A SYSTEM OF CUSTOMS CONTROL BACKED BY

A SECURITY DEPOSIT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF THE PROPOSED SUBSIDY SYSTEM. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT SUCH A SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY APPLIED TO RAPESEED AND SUNFLOWERSEED IMPORTS SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THEY DO NOT BENEFIT FROM EC CRUSHING SUBSIDIES FOR THOSE PRODUCTS. THE CONTROL SYSTEM WOULD PRESUMABLY APPLY ONLY TO THOSE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THE PROPOSED SUBSIDY SYSTEM -- I.E. PEAS, EXCLUDING CHICK-PEAS, AND FIELD BEANS (VICIA FABIA VAR. EQUINA AND VICIA VAR MINOR) FALLING UNDER CXT NOS. 07.05 B 1 AND 07.05 B 3.

3. WE NOTED THAT THE US DOES EXPORT CERTAIN PRODUCTS WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE COVERED BY THIS REGULATION AND THAT THE TARIFF RATES ON THESE PRODUCTS ARE BOUND IN GATT. WE REITERATED WELL KNOWN US OBJECTIONS TO LICENSING AND SURETY REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTS. WE ALSO EXPRESSED DOUBT AS TO THE NEED FOR SUCH A DEVICE SINCE THE DRAFT REGULATION PROVIDES THAT ONLY FEED MANUFACTURERS WHO HAVE CONCLUDED CONTRACTS WITH EC PRODUCERS OF PEAS AND FIELD BEANS WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUBSIDY.

4. MISSION REQUEST: WE REQUEST DATA ON THE VOLUME AND VALUE OF US EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY FALLING UNDER THE CXT SUB-HEADINGS DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR USE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMISSION OFFICIALS. HINTON

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